

Boston, April 18, 1836.

Esteemed Coadjutor in the cause of Righteous Liberty:

This is a great, an alarming crisis. Unless the most strenuous exertions are instantly made by the people of the free States, another slaveholding State will be added to the Union, thus bringing fresh blood-guiltiness upon all the land, and opening a new market for the traffic in *slaves and the souls of men*. Such barbarity, such impiety, is most appalling in *contemplation*—how much more insupportable in *reality*! Already the Senate of the United States, with only six dissenting voices, has voted to admit Arkansas as a slaveholding State!—Our only hope of effectual resistance lies in the House of Representatives. By information from Washington, we are rejoiced to learn, that there is no prospect of getting the bill through the House short of three or four weeks. They are determined to go into a *committee of the whole* on it, and discuss it thoroughly. *This is another Missouri question*. No pains, no expense should be spared to flood the House with remonstrances. Rouse up the inhabitants of your town—circulate petitions—call a public meeting, if practicable—send expostulatory letters to northern members in Congress, &c. &c. Stir—stir, for the bleeding slave, the honor and salvation of our country, and the approbation of Heaven! *IMMEDIATE*, is the watchword. Get as many signers to the accompanying petition as you possibly can, *in the course of a week at the furthest*, and forward it promptly to our representatives. Observe—it is not an *abolition* question; it has nothing to do with slavery in the southern States; it is simply and exclusively, whether we, the people of the United States, shall introduce and perpetuate slavery, in a new member of our confederacy. Call, therefore, for signatures, upon abolitionists, colonizationists, unionists, all—*all*! Delay not a moment.

Respectfully yours,

WM. LLOYD GARRISON.

It is thought advisable by the friends of the cause that as many signatures of ladies be obtained as possible; & therefore a blank is left in the printed remonstrance for the insertion of the words "male," or "female," as the case may require. Call on all whether members of your society or not.

In behalf of the Boston Female anti-slavery society

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Forward to William Lloyd Garrison 46 Washington St
as soon as possible

